



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 12, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Burke:

“On April 15, 1947, 58 years ago this week, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers played in his first major league game. As he took his place on the baseball field that day, he also took his place in the history books as the first African-American player in modern Major League baseball history. In so doing, Jackie became a beacon of hope and inspiration to all Americans throughout our Nation.

“To commemorate that momentous occasion, Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has declared April 15th of each baseball season as ‘Jackie Robinson Day,’ a time of celebration in every ballpark throughout major league baseball where teams, players and fans alike pause to remember Jackie Robinson’s achievements and celebrate his legacy in professional sports and the advancement of civil rights.”

Richard Robinson addressed the Board.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed April 15, 2005 as “Jackie Robinson Day” throughout Los Angeles County in honor of the inspirational example Jackie Robinson set in his own day, and the legacy he handed down that remains true in our own day as a benchmark of courage, personal accomplishment, respect and dignity for all Americans everywhere.

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